



Seatbelt Safety

- **DID YOU KNOW?**

California has a mandatory seatbelt law. That means that every time you ride in a car you **MUST** wear a seat belt. Whether you're driving a few blocks away to school or across town to visit a friend, the driver of the car and all of the passengers **MUST** wear a seat belt. Why? Because seat belts save lives. When you wear a seat belt you raise your chance of surviving a vehicle crash. So remind everyone in the car to "Buckle Up!" each time you get into the car. It's the law and it could save your life.

- **FUN FACTS**

1. California's first seat belt law was passed in 1986.
2. In 1997, President Clinton set a national seat belt usage goal of 85 percent.
3. California's 2001 seat belt use rate was the highest in the nation at 91.1 percent.
4. Seat belts increase the chance of surviving a crash by nearly 45 percent.
5. Passengers 12 and under should always ride correctly restrained in the back seat.
6. The right way to wear a seat belt is low on your lap, across your hips. The shoulder strap should fit snugly across your chest. It's never okay to let the belt cross the front of your neck or face, or for the belt to ride across your tummy. Make sure you are buckled-up properly so you don't get hurt!
7. The driver of a vehicle and **ALL** passengers must wear a seat belt.